

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) An image forming apparatus including developing means for developing an electrostatic latent image on an image carrier by using a two-component developing agent containing polymerized toner, said developing means comprising:

a supply/convey member in the form of a spiral screw which conveys the two-component developing agent in an axial direction while agitating the developing agent; and

a toner density sensor which is placed to oppose said supply/convey member and detects a toner density of the two-component developing agent,

wherein a relationship between a carrier average particle diameter R_c (μm) of the two-component developing agent and a head diameter R_s (mm) of said toner density sensor satisfies

$$R_s \leq 0.13333 \times R_c + 1.3333$$

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein when said supply/convey member has a screw pitch of 16 to 33 mm, the rotational speed of said supply/convey member is 3 to 10 rps.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said toner density sensor comprises a sensor which detects a change in permeability.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein a perpendicular bisector of a head surface of said toner density sensor passes through a central axis of said supply/convey member.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said supply/convey member is in a non-contact state with respect to the head surface of said toner density sensor, and a gap therebetween is not more than 0.8 mm.

16. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said carrier average particle diameter R_c (μm) is not more than 50 μm and not less than 20 μm .